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Hi David,

Thanks for the detailed response. I appreciate it. Just a few follow-ups, if you are able to answer:

- How many people is the agency sending to the area, and how long do you anticipate they will be there to help with hurricane response?
- What sort of program expertise is EPA providing? Is it mostly cleanup? Water? Air?
- You mentioned Superfund sites to be inspected and drinking water and waste water systems to be visited. Are you able to provide the specific names and locations of those sites/systems?

Again, I greatly appreciate your explanations here, and any additional detail you are able to provide would be extremely helpful. I am available on my office line, 703-341-3778, if it would be easier to call.

Thanks again,

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EPA has an organized emergency response program and is positioned to support FEMA, state, local and tribal partners. EPA Headquarters' Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated and Administrator Pruitt is in regular contact with EPA staff across the Agency who are part of this hurricane response effort. Helping manage response efforts and focusing on the safety of those affected are our highest priorities.

As of today, EPA has activated the National Incident Management Team (N-IMAT) consisting of highly skilled response personnel from Regions 3, 4, and 5. The N-IMAT arrived in Dallas this morning to assist with response activities.

EPA has two On-Scene Coordinators co-located to with FEMA in Denton and another at the State Operation Center in Austin expedite federal and state coordination during the response.

EPA, TCEQ, Texas General Land Office (TGLO) and US Coast Guard are operating in Unified Command. The Unified Command will have seven teams in the field conducting reconnaissance.

Two National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund sites near Corpus Christi will be inspected today to assess impacts from the hurricane.

EPA continues to support TCEQ in contacting drinking water and waste water systems and will visit two systems based on information garnered.

In addition, EPA's aerial assessment aircraft will conduct aerial reconnaissance over the impacted area, as weather permits.

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Subject: Questions on EPA role in Harvey response

Hello,

This is Abby Smith with Bloomberg BNA. I'm working on a story on EPA's response to Hurricane Harvey, looking at the agency's role on the ground. I was hoping I might be able to speak with someone at the agency to get a better sense of what EPA is doing, where the agency is taking the lead role and how the agency is approaching its response to the hurricane. Would someone be available to speak with me about this sometime this afternoon? Please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance for your help.

Best,

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